Killingsworth Rezoning

NE 14th to 17th Avenues

Bringing back commercial vitality

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Introduction

Through community outreach, the Northeast District Planner became aware of neighborhood, property owner, and business community interest in seeing the blighted area of NE Killingsworth Street (14th to 17th avenues) rezoned from its existing multi-dwelling residential zoning to a commercial zone. In 1993, the Albina Community Plan rezoned this 3-block stretch along NE Killingsworth Street from commercial to residential zoning, hoping that residential redevelopment would occur to help increase the local population in an area that had been losing population and housing stock in the 1980s and early 1990s.

Now, 15 years later, no residential redevelopment has occurred along this 3-acre section of NE Killingsworth Street. However, renovation of existing housing stock and new residential and mixed-use projects have occurred and continue to occur elsewhere throughout the Albina plan area. In this 3-block section of NE Killingsworth Street, most of the existing buildings are commercial in nature. Because of their legal nonconforming status, commercial uses were able to continue to operate since 1993, but have been limited in their ability to expand or be renovated. Some commercial uses have vacated, leaving empty buildings shells. The lack of redevelopment or enhancement to these structures has left the 3-block area blighted. Neighbors and others have reported that on a daily basis, criminal activities are occurring at this location, largely due to the lack of active storefronts with a mix of neighborhood goods and services, which draws positive pedestrian activity.

The Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map designation changes are aimed at bringing back commercial vitality to this limited section of NE Killingsworth Street in the Vernon neighborhood, a place that is in need of locally accessible neighborhood-serving commercial and a mix of uses including residential. The area is well-served by the frequent bus line #8, that travels north-south on NE 15th Avenue. Changes through this project help fulfill a variety of City goals related to livability, housing and economic development.

Public Outreach and Engagement

Planning staff completed two public outreach and engagement events to solicit ideas and comments from affected property owners and the interested public. The first meeting drew about 100 people to Vernon School on January 16, 2008. Staff introduced the project, confirmed community interest in the pursuit of a zone change for this three block area of NE Killingsworth Street, and solicited initial public input on the future of the area. A public comment form was distributed at the meeting and posted on the Planning Bureau’s website that asked the following questions:

1. What qualities/values are important to you in regards to the redevelopment of NE Killingsworth Street, from 14th to 17th Avenues?
2. What land uses would be desirable along this stretch of NE Killingsworth Street?
3. Additional comments?

Planning staff received over 80 written responses on public comment forms and took copious notes at
the January meeting. These public comments informed staff in its analysis and consideration of zoning change alternatives for this project area.

On March 26, 2008, a second community discussion of the Killingsworth Rezoning was held at a special Vernon Neighborhood Land Use Committee meeting, with about 60 people in attendance. At this meeting Planning staff reviewed the public comments received to date and confirmed with the audience overarching themes/ideas drawn from these comments. Staff then discussed its review of alternative zones, including pertinent considerations and offered an initial staff recommendation (the staff recommendation presented in this report). This recommendation calls for rezoning properties along NE Killingsworth Street (14th to 17th avenues) to a Commercial Storefront (CS) zone. The initial staff recommendation was favorably received by those at the meeting, with a few people supporting a Neighborhood Commercial One (CN1) zone. See the comparison of potential commercial map designations section of this report for more information.

Planning staff attended and participated at May meetings of the Vernon Neighborhood Association and the North Northeast Business Association. Staff notified affected property owners and interested public of the May 27 Planning Commission public hearing and encouraged their participation at the hearing.

On May 27, 2008, the Portland Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Killingsworth Rezoning staff report and recommendation. After a staff presentation, public testimony, and discussion, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to support staff’s recommendation and forward it to City Council for adoption.

On July 10, 2008, the City Council held a public hearing and listened to public testimony on the Planning Commission’s recommendation. The City Council voted unanimously to adopt the map amendments along and adjacent to Killingsworth (NE 14th to 17th Avenues).
Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map Amendments

Below are the Comprehensive Plan and Portland Zoning Map changes adopted by the City Council. The map changes re-designate the historically commercially zoned properties (pre-1993) to Urban Commercial on the Portland Comprehensive Plan Map with corresponding Commercial Storefront (CS) on the Zoning Map.

This change to a CS zone will mean that many of the existing commercial and other uses that became non-conforming with the zone change to residential in 1993 are now allowed by right. Subject to appropriate building permit and/or land use review, these businesses can be expanded or modified without being subject to the requirements of Chapter 33.258 Nonconforming Situations.

Also, there is one nonconforming residential property at 5402-5418 NE 15th Avenue that is re-designated from Residential 2,500 (R2.5) to Medium Density Multi-dwelling (R1) to bring the use on this property into zoning conformance and provide a transition to the single family residential area to the south.

One other aspect that has been corrected in this process is the removal of split-zoning for a few properties on the south side of NE Killingsworth Street and the designation of these properties with one zone.

Two overlay zones continue apply to this area: The Aircraft Landing Zone “h”, which limits height of structures and vegetation within vicinity of the airport; and the Alternative Design Density Overlay Zone “a”, which allows more density for development that meets additional design compatibility requirements.
Existing Zoning Map for Project Area

Adopted Zoning Map for Project Area
Transportation Analysis of Staff Recommendation

The Portland Office of Transportation Planning Division prepared a transportation analysis of the Killingsworth Rezoning proposal, consisting of transportation modeling along with a policy assessment of the findings. This assessment addressed provisions of the State Transportation Planning Rule (OAR 660-012-0060) and provided citizens and decision-makers with information related to neighborhood scale traffic impacts resulting from the initial staff proposal. Documents from this analysis are part of the project record.

The transportation analysis indicated that there would be no significant impact on regional or local transportation facilities as a result of the staff-recommended Commercial Storefront (CS) and Residential 1,000 (R1) rezone proposal. The land area subject to the rezone is very small and contained within a local neighborhood environment. The rezone proposal provides a mixed-use area along a District Collector Street that is well served by transit and creates improved opportunities for walking, bicycling and short-distance automobile trips for local commercial services in lieu of other locations greater distances away from the area.

Analysis was also conducted to determine if the rezone proposal would significantly affect Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) facilities. Analysis indicates that the potential increase in the amount of traffic as a result of the rezone would be 1% or less at any ODOT facility during the 2-hour peak period under year 2030 conditions. This finding includes conservative assumptions that possibly even overstate trip generation rates. Our conclusion is that the traffic impacts on ODOT facilities as a result of the rezone are negligible.

Within the rezone area, the intersections of the two off-set NE 15th Avenue approaches with NE Killingsworth Street were also analyzed. It was found that by the year 2030, with the proposed rezone, the traffic operation at one of these intersections would only experience a slight downgrade in service, from Level of Service (LOS) C or better to LOS D or better, which would still meet the City’s mobility standard for planning purposes. To improve traffic operations, future mitigation improvements are available that do not require right-of-way and are not extensive in scale.
Analysis of Potential Commercial Map Designations

Community Input

The following overarching themes and desired future uses were heard from the property owners, neighbors, local business people and others related to the future of NE Killingsworth Street (14th to 17th avenues):

- Neighborhood-serving commercial vitality and activities within walking distance of area residents
- Safe pedestrian-oriented, family-friendly environment
- Diverse mix of small, locally-owned, non-auto oriented commercial businesses that serve local families and households and may include housing that reflects a range of affordability
- Healthy, clean, sustainable and green development
- Community gathering places
- Examples of specifically-mentioned desired uses include restaurants, bakery, cafés, hardware store, offices, housing above retail, live/work units and public space

City Considerations

Community input helped to guide City staff’s analysis and initial recommendation, along with the following two City-oriented objectives:

- Minimize non-conforming uses by applying appropriate zoning that promotes desirable redevelopment
- Use the historic commercial zoning pattern as a guide for the rezoning boundary area
- Replace split-zoned properties with one zoning designation per property

Public meeting input from January meeting.
Comparison of Potential Commercial Map Designations

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<th>Mixed Commercial/Residential (CM)</th>
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<td>• Promotes development that combines commercial with a required housing component</td>
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<td>• Allows a full range of retail, service and business uses with a local and regional market area; housing is allowed and often happens in mixed-use projects</td>
<td>• Allows increased development on busier streets without fostering a strip commercial appearance</td>
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<td>• Generally applied to areas which are predominantly built-up, with buildings close to and oriented towards the sidewalk especially at corners</td>
<td>• Supports transit use, and provides a buffer between busy streets and residential neighborhoods</td>
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<td>• Development is pedestrian-oriented and creates a vibrant streetscape</td>
<td>• Emphasis on locally oriented retail, service, and office uses plus housing (that is typically in upper stories)</td>
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<td>• No minimum landscaping required</td>
<td>• Development is pedestrian-oriented and creates a vibrant streetscape</td>
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<td>• Local examples of CS zone: 30th / Killingsworth, 33rd near Killingsworth, and Killingsworth west of MLK Jr. Blvd.</td>
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<td>• More likely than CN1 to produce housing and meet housing goals</td>
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<td>• Provides more opportunities for community-desired uses through greater Floor Area Ratio (FAR) than CN1</td>
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<td>• Allows full-range of commercial uses having a local or regional market</td>
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<td>• Encourages small scale retail and service uses for nearby residents</td>
<td>• Allows access by automobiles</td>
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<td>• Some uses which are not retail or service in nature are allowed</td>
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<td>• Uses are restricted in size to promote a local orientation and to limit adverse impacts on nearby residential areas</td>
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<td>• Development is pedestrian-oriented and compatible with the scale of surrounding residential areas</td>
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<td>• Requires minimum landscaping (20% of site area)</td>
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**Staff Comments:**

- Produces lower-scale development, mostly commercial, such as convenience stores and offices which are limited in size and may not produce range of community-desired uses due to lower FAR and building height
- May not produce housing due to development regulations like building height
- Less potential impact to neighborhood with lower-scale development

**Staff Comments:**

- Auto-oriented uses are allowed in CG and property owners and local community do not want auto-oriented uses here
- CG zone in area: sections of close by MLK Jr. Blvd. and Alberta St.
The key differences between the zones are shown in the above table. All these zones have a number of regulations in common, including: requirements for ground floor windows, pedestrian standards (including main entrance orientation), landscaping buffer if abutting a residential zone, and also no requirement for off-street parking. CN1, CS, and CM zones have no off-street parking requirement and in this location CG zone would also not have this requirement because of its proximity to frequent bus # 8.

The primary differences relate to scale and building orientation. The CN1 zone has the lowest allowed floor area and height and has the largest setback requirement. The CG zone, while having a high floor area ratio, often results in less urban development due to landscaping, setback and building coverage standards. The CS and CM zones have minimum building coverage standards while the CG and CNI have maximum building coverage requirements. The CS and CM zones are most likely to result in pedestrian-friendly mixed-use development.

The CM zone requires one square foot of residential for every square foot of commercial for new development. The CS is a commercial zone, but is flexible enough to encourage mixed use development as well. Purely residential development is allowed in all commercial zones.

* Applies to nonresidential development only. Additional floor area is allowed for residential.
## Use Comparison by Zone

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Y = Allowed, N = Not allowed, CU = Conditional Use, L - Limited Use,
* Specific details about how these standards apply can be found in applicable code sections.
## Comparison of Residential Zones for R2.5 to R1 Proposal

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<td>• Medium density multi-dwelling zone</td>
<td>• Highest density single-family residential zone</td>
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<td>• Allows approximately 43 units per acre and up to 65 units per acre with use of an amenity bonus</td>
<td>• Allows two units per 5,000 square feet of site area</td>
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<td>• Permits one to four story buildings</td>
<td>• Permits one to three story buildings</td>
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<td>• Major development types are multi-dwelling structures (condominiums and apartments), duplexes, townhouses and rowhouses</td>
<td>• Typical development: single-family detached and attached including duplexes</td>
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<td>• Generally applied near Neighborhood Collector and District Collector streets, and local streets adjacent to commercial areas and transit streets</td>
<td>• Often applied as a transition zone between higher density zones and medium density single-family zones, e.g. Residential 5,000 (R5)</td>
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### Staff Comments:

**R2.5 to R1 Map Change Proposal for 5402–5418 NE 15th Ave.:**

- Eliminates non-conforming use status of apartments in a single family residential zone
- Multi-dwelling residential supports commercial, mixed-use development on Killingsworth Street and helps to meet housing policy
- Provides a good transition between the commercial mixed-use zone on Killingsworth Street and the single family residential zone to the south (R2.5)
Comparison of the Residential Zones

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<td>Minimum Density</td>
<td>1 unit per 1,450 sq. ft. of site area*</td>
<td>1 unit per 2,500 sq. ft. of site area</td>
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<td>Maximum Height</td>
<td>25/45 ft.**</td>
<td>35 ft.</td>
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<td>Setbacks</td>
<td>3–10 ft.</td>
<td>5-18 ft.</td>
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<td>Building Coverage</td>
<td>60% max</td>
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<td>Minimum Landscaping</td>
<td>20%</td>
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** The 25 foot height limit applies only to the portion of a structure within 10 feet of a front property line.
Appendix

Initial Public Comments

The following are responses to questions asked at the public meeting held January 16, 2008, which was attended by more than 100 people and additional public comments received through March 25, 2008.

Question 1: Neighborhood Values

- Safe
- More Trees
- Public gathering spaces
- Affordable housing
- Encourage local businesses
- Pedestrian friendly
- Everyday uses
- Green (including demolitions)
- Clean (less trash)
- Healthy, sustainable
- School + family friendly
- Look good (lasting)
- Street lighting
- “Living room”
- Limited surface parking
- Facilitate community
- Adequate parking
- Adequate commercial + city / community presence
- Art reflecting diversity of neighborhood

Question 2: Uses

- Commercial mix
- Affordable housing
- Local businesses
- Middle school age services
- Outdoor seating
- Hardware
- Owner occupied housing
- Farmer’s market
- Restaurants/cafes/bakery
- Doctor Offices
- No fast food/convenience stores
- Dry cleaning
- Art centers
- No big box style development
- Neighborhood theme
- Affordable businesses
- Bookstore/coffee house
- No quick vehicle servicing
- Some off-street parking
- Brew pub (kid + dog friendly)
- Sports + recreation area (possibly on cul-de-sac)

Question 3: Additional Comments

- Left turn lane on 15th Avenue
- Roundabout at 15th Avenue
Q1 What qualities/values are important to you in regards to the redevelopment of NE Killingsworth Street, from 14th to 17th Avenues?

- Residential and commercial vitality
- Want the area to be safe, more attractive, and convenient. Would like to see the area cleaned up and developed.
- Diversity, mixed use (commercial + residential), sustainable neighborhood businesses, affordable housing.
- Small business with perhaps mixed use buildings with apartments upstairs.
- That commercial property owners be able to sale their property as commercial, not just he use of commercial property.
- Absolutely no liquor stores, fast food, gun shops, corporate businesses, porn shops. Keep in mind the kids in the area. Also, the gang activity is an issue in this neighborhood. Positive businesses, non-profit organizations, music and arts, plan grounds, daycare, bookstore, dog parks, after school programs. Also, gentrification is a serious issue in the N/NE area. Limit the boutiques and expensive stores. Affordable!
- Sustainability, safe, attractive, pedestrian safety, open space, green space, and local services.
- I am in favor of getting rid of the rundown or vacant commercial buildings around 15th Avenue and Killingsworth.
- I would like my property at 5402 - 541B NE 15th Avenue changed to mixed use/commercial too since this apartment is adjacent to the proposed CM property zones on the North and East side!
- Using the space for things that will bring community together and drive drug dealing out. Right now, this section is actively avoided by many in the neighborhood.
- Safe, clean, “living room,” theme, family friendly.
- Safe, pedestrian and bike friendly, aesthetics, local necessities, adequate parking, theme for appearance, children friendly, local ownership, “green” building.”
- Safety! The run down properties attract drugs, loitering and litter. My house has been broken into three times in the last two years.
- Neighborhood theme with an artistic architecture. Safe, family friendly. Clean with local business with healthy values. New sidewalks and bike lanes. No pornography!
- Pedestrian friendly, shop windows and “eyes in the street,” life on the street, slow traffic, trees and greenery, no boarded up/vacant buildings, clean, safe, safe pedestrian crossing, streetscape improvements, storefront improvements, 1-3 stores but no higher, wide sidewalks with sidewalk cafe or plaza space.
- Improve buildings; beautify neighborhood-adding businesses that are of interest to residents. Developments that encourage people to meet and hang out (i.e. over coffer) in a way that improves the quality of life in the neighborhood. Please zone area commercial storefront.
Q1 What qualities/values are important to you in regards to the redevelopment of NE Killingsworth Street, from 14th to 17th Avenues?

- Strong positive commercial vitality with or without a residential component. Store front access and new development. Green development.
- A zone that can be built economically.
- Better transportation planning, traffic flow, pedestrian safety, etc. Basic street improvements, streetscape. Better development, better use of underutilized properties, vacant land, etc. Better public transportation! No bus on Killingsworth! We need one. Better street lighting. Nuisance properties on 18th and Killingsworth. Look at Vernon as a neighborhood Association. Does it make sense to have, so small does it make more sense to absorb into other neighborhood associations?
- Clean, safe, kid friendly, bike friendly, pedestrian friendly, beautiful, plant friendly.
- Beauty (green space), community sustainable constructions, affordable.
- Livable, safe, commercial space access to funding resources. Active spaces.
- Preserving existing affordable house, none in NE now. Create public space to bring neighborhood focus, serve existing neighbors; do not try to gentrify the area. Support local enterprises.
- Street improvements, islands, vegetation, trees, safe.
- Wouldn’t really care to see strictly residential (like 60th and Killingsworth area). But anything would be an improvement!
- Reduces traffic, eco-friendly development that incorporates water runoff capture and tree planning, esthetically pleasing buildings, bike and pedestrian friendly, public art integrated, celebrates cultural diversity of the area, green space and public meeting areas (benches, etc), locally developed, handicap accessible.
- Clean, safe, attractive, pedestrian friendly. Would like to see tall/dense buildings.
- Good design, high gravity materials, pedestrian scale/friendly, locally owned/serving, sustainable design/green buildings.
- I would like to see buildings that foster a sense of community. The scale should be neighborhood appropriate, nothing too massive. They should be pedestrian friendly and be forward on the lot with any parking to the rear. The area should be well lit and any public spaces should e arranged so as to discourage crime.
- I would like to see current structures improved and any new structures to look like they fit the neighborhood. No buildings any larger than the tallest building already on the block.
- Clean pedestrian friendly, drug-free, family friendly, engaging active.
- To stop the illegal works on the corners of 16th Avenue and 17th Avenue. Speed is of the utmost importance regarding this issue. Illegal drugs, prostitution, littering and general loitering.
Q1 What qualities/values are important to you in regards to the redevelopment of NE Killingsworth Street, from 14th to 17th Avenues?

- I live right dead center of where this rezoning is talking place. I am totally for it. Sadly, the neighborhood store (at 16th and Killingsworth) is a haven for drug addicts (that pay phone doesn’t help).
- Limit the amount of surface parking lot space, especially fronting Killingsworth. Encourage animated sidewalk activities, retail storefronts, maybe a few live-work units.
- Flexibility, so the area isn’t an afterthought again in 20 years. Density, therefore, walkability. Aesthetics!
- Unique (local businesses only), safe, family oriented, well lit but not super bright. A safe place to wait for the bus. Businesses that are for nearby residents (coffee shop, organic grocery, boutique retail).

- Development that enhances the local community and not development that is done cheaply for maximum profit for the developers. The local houses have been around for almost 100 years, can the new development be something lasting and well built also?
- I want a safe neighborhood that looks good and provides amenities within walking distance.
- Community retail – coffee shop/restaurant/shops.
- Safety, walkability, cleanliness, attractiveness.
Q2 What land uses would be desirable along this stretch of NE Killingsworth Street?

- Retail, restaurants, coffee shops, youth activities, upscale game video store.
- Commercial only or mixed use. I’d be happy with either one. Restaurant, coffee shop with wife!
- Mixed residential and commercial including all levels of affordability.
- Small business with perhaps mixed-use buildings with apartments upstairs.
- Community center, 4-story family collective, mini bike/skate park.
- Affordable housing complex. Market with different businesses.
- I want to walk my dog safely. Trees, positive community billboards, green and solar powered roofs, diversity!
- Bookstore café drycleaner, restaurant, bar, brewpub, stores similar to Fox Chase.
- I would accept commercial/residential mixed use or even just commercial. Neighborhood centered commerce, food, retail, medical office and of course not industrial. I am not in favor of a gas station. *Food meaning markets/restaurants.
- Please consider rezoning to commercial, residential for property at 5402 to 541-B 15th Avenue NE Killingsworth. I would like a nursery on main level and 2-3 story apartments on top level.
- Mixed use. Restaurant, small business, mixed income housing. Local rather than chain business/restaurants would be great!
- Farmer’s market, library, café, hardware store.
- Community center, coffee shops, services, i.e., medical hardware, farmers market, performing arts.
- Commercial!
- Commercial only. No housing.
- Improve commercial buildings. I like residential above commercial office spaces. Ideas for commercial uses: coffee shop, corner store, active affordable business space, brewpub, plant nursery. Look at land uses at 15th Avenue and Prescott for inspiration and what the market will bear.
- Coffee shop, bakery, restaurant, deli, dessert place, higher end retail, wine shop, bistro, sidewalk café, active space. No convenience stores. No gas stations. No car repair.
- Coffee houses, small shops or gallery spaces, bistro.
- Commercial with optimal housing.
- Mixed use, retail and residential. Higher density. Parks and open space, community amenities or shared public use. Development that meets neighborhood needs values and vision.
- Middle school activity options. Local, funky, small, quiet businesses. Public venues and art. Food and fun books.
- Hardware store, coffee shop, restaurant gathering areas, library, farmers market, local business, affordable housing.
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- Neighborhood fabric architectural design. Collaborative efforts.
- Playground/court on 14th Avenue cul-de-sac. Affordable housing. Dining with music and culture venues. Affordable commercial space for small businesses (micro-commercial).
- Commercial establishments, partial residential, the redevelopment of Alberta Street and Mississippi being good models.
- Trees! Mini-green spaces. Minimal parking lots or none at all. NO GAS STATIONS or LIQUOR STORES.
- Commercial and residential.
- Food! Café, bohemian coffee shop, restaurant. Retail; clothing store, garden store, yarn shop, etc. Services; salon, yoga studio. Some offices would be good, too. Housing.
- I liked the idea of the mixed commercial zoning with the 50% residential requirement. I would like to see office/small retail/coffee shop. I do not want any alcohol-licensed establishments located there. I do not want to see any free standing commercial buildings.
- Mixed use buildings – doctor’s offices, etc. No restaurants/bars, etc. We already have those services on Alberta Street. What we don’t have is the neighborhood is doctors and dentists.
- Small locally owned business, retail and dining, no gas stations, no adult businesses.
- To be zoned where developers have the options to develop for the most profit. Options such as commercial mixed use and residence only.
- I just want good businesses to be able to set up shop in the suggested area. Please help to get rid of those low-life drug dealers who hand in that area ALL DAY LONG. Think I’m kidding. Go on down there and just stand – it’s horrible and nobody with a good business sense (or little children) is going to go that specific area.
- Mixed use commercial, ground floor retail with housing above, make buildings as tall and as high density as allowed for that area.
- Multi-purpose live/work buildings. Apartments above with ground floor shops. Public service building, if well done.
- Mixed, low density, low-rise developments. Similar to Alberta. Could be retail with one to two more living above. 15th Avenue and Killingsworth could be similar to Pocket at 28th and Killingsworth.
- Small offices and boutique sized retailers. Businesses that are open in the evening will keep people from loitering and crime under control. Services that support the community, like a garden store, a craft center, daycare! Aimed at an older crowd rather then Alberta, which seems to be, geared towards 20-30 year olds.
Q2 What land uses would be desirable along this stretch of NE Killingsworth Street?

- I’d urge, no beg, the city to not require residential space here. Please use some normal PDX commercial zoning, and let developers decide whether residential real estate is needed. Also, please consider that this is a residential neighborhood with side streets filled with homes and this strip of Killingsworth is the ONLY space that’s available to create a nice little nook of restaurants and neighborhood stores. If half that space is taken with residential use, we may lose the change to create a walk able mini-commercial district forever. Oh, and if that slum-lord guy wants to include his eight-plex, please let him. It’s a run-down eyesore and doesn’t do anything to promote residential community – in fact, the courtyard looks to be jammed with mobile homes and other stored vehicles. I wouldn’t mind at all if that was razed and replaced with a ice store or restaurant

- Retail restaurants, housing on top of retail.

- Bakery, coffee shop, restaurant, retail.
Q3 Additional Comments

• The drug and gang activities are real bad something needs to be done to curve gang activities. Sidewalk café.
• Anything to attract the clean up and development of the area. Would be very beneficial to the area.
• Must provide existing businesses tools and support in transitioning, before, during, and after, including access to financial and promotional resources. Strongly favor multi-use zoning (50% or better residential)
• Include apartments on 15th Avenue. I agree with all the values and uses expressed in this meeting.
• Vernon Elementary Rules!!! Go Owls!!
• This area also needs to be a drug free area to protect the residents in this area.
• This is a lower income area. It would be nice to have the families in the neighborhoods, still feel safe, and not fear the rent going up because of fancy businesses developing.
• I would be happy to provide further input or assistance in this project.
• Fast food franchises would be a serious disappointment.
• Thank you for making this project happen. This area needs this change.
• Streetlights around the businesses on the sidewalks.

• PDC storefront improvement grants would be great for this area. What happens to single-family homes? Will they be able to remain and make improvements? Only change zoning of these parcels that are currently commercial/office uses to create a smaller neighborhood center. I’m afraid that if too much commercial is built, then some will become vacant, which is bad for the street safety. I like “commercial storefront” zoning.
• I would have no problem changing the zone for the gentleman who expressed owning an 8-plex next door to the commercial property on 15th Avenue and Killingsworth.
• This strip needs “active” development uses. Right now, there is too much underutilized land (i.e., surface parking). Traffic, pedestrian and street issues are huge problems on this strip. We should consider specific design criteria. Hold property owners accountable for nuisance properties (trash, etc.).
• Is there a way to require recycling of waste like the bread factory on Williams and Fremont? That would be great!
• I support the rezoning of NE 14th - 17th to commercial mixed use.
• My friend lives in the house and lot back from Killingsworth on 14th. This rezone will encourage their landlord to tear down their house! Why are we talking about rezoning lots that aren’t on Killingsworth? Who drew this boundary? How can they change it?
Q3 Additional Comments

- This area should stop being used for industry. Currently the Oregonian has a distribution space on NE corner or 16th and Killingsworth. Cars frequently park and load on sidewalks and damage trees/leave pollution. Also, reduce/slow traffic on 16th before turning onto Killingsworth and Ainsworth currently used as a cut through when the light backs up. Very unsafe for kids living on 16th.

- This is a fantastic idea. This area is a huge problem to an otherwise great neighborhood.

- I do not think the lots at 5416 NE 14th Place, 5417 NE 15th Avenue and 5431 NE 16th Avenue should be included in the rezoning. I really object to the inclusion of the apartments at 5418 NE 15th Avenue. These go too far back into the neighborhood.

- I strongly disagree with the rezoning of any structure or lot unless it is directly on Killingsworth Street. I also feel the city should require the builders to provide parking! I am concerned about what development will do the traffic on 15th Avenue.

- We own the double lot at 5427 and 5431 NE 16th. The zoning line splits our property. We would prefer the entire lot is included in the new zoning.

- There is potential with in few blocks it would be a shame to see it go to waste. Many of us who live here see the growth potential and want to make the most of a great neighborhood; boutiques, and restaurants on these prime locations. The 30th block is wonderful.

- The only thing that will chase out the ubiquitous drug sellers, who now “own” the corner, will be commerce. Any fast trading possible should be approved. This should have changed 8-10 years ago.

- I am considering purchasing a house nearby on 18th and Ainsworth, but have been warned that this area at 15th Avenue and Killingsworth is dangerous. This redevelopment plan helps me to consider this area a good place to live. Great idea!! I plan to attend the meeting!

- I think Killingsworth should have its own feel. Alberta seems to be the ‘arts’ strip, but maybe Killingsworth could be aimed towards a more stable crowd, like it is on 29th/30th and Killingsworth area. More of a useable/community driven strip.

- We really need to revitalize this area and it’s commercial space that will do that. Real storefront commercial space – it’s proven that the neighborhood safety is directly related to foot traffic and eyes on the street. Creating a walk able neighborhood with a few places to go would help enormously. Strip mall type businesses and parking lots with curb cuts reduces pedestrian traffic and makes it
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more likely that pedestrians will get injured by cars crossing the sidewalk. And the current parking lot of the corner is a major focal point for the local drug trade. Service and retail businesses – local destinations – are what will revitalize the neighborhood. Residential isn’t in demand, and office or professional complexes don’t generate the kind of interaction with the community that we need.

- Please make changes so that something can happen at this intersection. It’s blight on the whole neighborhood.
- It would be great to see some business owners with a sense of pride on this stretch of Killingsworth.